

## Niagara Nature Network Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2020

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Acceptance of Agenda
  - Reviewing the agenda and adding additional areas - accepted
3. Housekeeping –
  - How to “Raise Hand”
  - Chat Box
  - ECCDC website
    - What’s New Section
    - COVID-19 webpage
  - Couch Exchange Bulletin
  - Lending Library – curb-side pick-up
  - Updates on networks and spring training new resources
4. Mindful Moments
  - Can be found at [eccdc.org](http://eccdc.org)
  - Feel free to share with your team and families
5. Reflection on video
  - What natural loose parts do you use in your program?
  - Is water considered a loose part? Adding small pieces? What will this look like for the new-normal? Will we need a separate sensory bin per child?
6. Washable Loose Parts Article
  - Provided by Little Wonders
  - Important to consider but not to stress about – we do not know what the recommendations will be yet
7. Sharing Resources
  - Loose Parts 3
  - POEMS – Preschool Outdoor Environmental Measurement Scale
  - Outdoor Play Canada website
    - Visit their resources page for many different articles, information, etc.
    - Outsideplay.ca resource is great to share with parents and discuss outdoor risk further

## 8. Questions and Connects

- Working with mud kitchens
- How to make an ant house – figuring out how to build so that it can be brought back to centre
- Recycling demonstrations with the children
- Bees – setting up, what to consider in your early learning environment
- What is happening with outdoor play spaces in early learning environment?
  - Thinking about vegetable to plate program – setting up vegetable gardens, etc so the program can continue in August
- Resource library – books and kits available for borrow, online catalogue, curbside pickup

## 9. Resource Available

- [www.eccdc.org](http://www.eccdc.org)
  - Couch Bulletin
  - Branching Out
- Social Media
  - Contests
  - Articles
  - New events

## 10. Next Meeting June/Fall 2020

## 11. Meeting Evaluation sent electronically